

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-20

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$2,500 FROM
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17
FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

WHEREAS, The Coalition for Communities of Color (CCC), an Oregon based non-profit, is conducting a one year, community based, research project in Washington County to collect and analyze quantitative and qualitative data about communities of color, i.e., population, family composition, employment, income, language, housing, health and human services, and education; and

WHEREAS, CCC then seeks to verify the data, communicate and disseminate the findings, and implement further research projects as necessary with the overall goal to build bridges amongst stakeholders and overall knowledge about communities of color in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Staff has met with the Coalition, serves on the Steering Committee, and is confident the research project will be based on data, shared inputs, and contain insightful information for policy makers, and

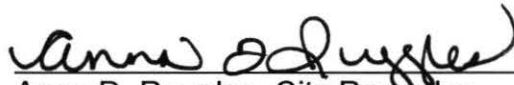
WHEREAS, the recommended contribution is proportional to what other Washington County municipalities have given to the project,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE
AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A one-time contribution of \$2,500 from the FY 2016-17 Administrative Services budget be made to the Coalition for Communities of Color in support of community-based research about communities of color in Washington County, Oregon.

Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately upon its enactment by the City Council.

PRESENTED AND PASSED this 13th day of February, 2017.



Anna D. Ruggles, City Recorder

APPROVED by the Mayor this 13th day of February, 2017.



Peter B. Truax, Mayor



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CITY RECORDER USE ONLY:

AGENDA ITEM #: 8.

MEETING DATE: 2/13/17

FINAL ACTION: 2020 2017-20

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

TO: *City Council*

FROM: *Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager*
Paul Downey, Administrative Services Director

MEETING DATE: *February 13, 2017*

SUBJECT TITLE: *Coalition for Communities of Color Study*

ACTION REQUESTED:

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X all that apply

ISSUE STATEMENT:

The Coalition for Communities of Color (CCC), an Oregon based non-profit, is conducting a one year community based research project in Washington County to collect and analyze quantitative and qualitative data about communities of color, i.e., population, family composition, employment, income, language, housing, health and human services, and education. It then seeks to verify the data, communicate and disseminate the findings, and implement further research projects as necessary. The overall goal is to build bridges amongst stakeholders and overall knowledge about communities of color in Washington County. The Coalition recently led and concluded a similar effort in Multnomah County.

Staff is serving on the Steering Committee with other Washington County municipalities and gathering data for this project. The CCC is in the process of receiving or has received support from municipalities and non-profits across Washington County including Cornelius, Tigard, Beaverton, Hillsboro, Washington County, Adelante Mujeres, El-Centro Cultural, and some school districts.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff has met with the Coalition and applauds their outreach efforts to establish core study principles, construct a research proposal based on data and shared inputs, and assure the research will contain insightful information for policy makers.

Staff has researched other municipal contributions and recommends the Council consider assisting the research proposal through a one-time contribution of \$2,500 from the Administrative Services budget. This amount is in proportion to contributions from other municipalities in Washington County. Money is available due to lower than expected expenses in the materials and services budget.

ATTACHMENT:

Summary of Communities of Color Washington County Research Proposal

The Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) has launched a community-based participatory research project into the lived realities of communities of color in Washington County, Oregon. This is a collaborative project led by a Steering Committee of our members, community organizations and local jurisdictions in Washington County to guide the research project.

WE, THE STEERING COMMITTEE, RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING FIVE RESEARCH PRINCIPLES:

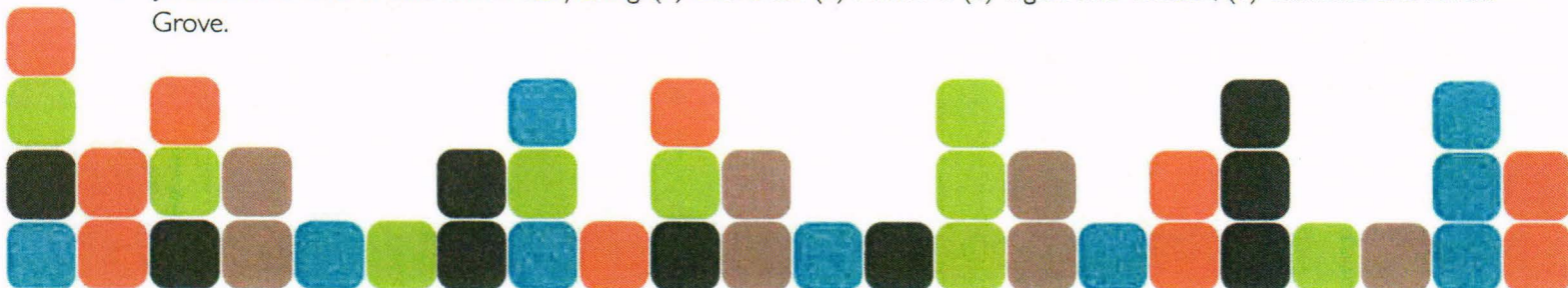
1. **Equitable Partnership:** Equitable involvement in the research process including prioritizing common goals, question development, planning, collection, analysis, interpretation of data, and dissemination.
2. **Community Priorities:** Elevating expertise of communities of color, emphasizing community strengths, and addressing self-determined community priorities through research.
3. **Transformative Action:** Enabling data driven and community-generated solutions in public policy and decision making towards creating lasting change.
4. **Sustainable Capacity:** Building long term and sustainable capacity among communities of color to develop their own expertise, define priorities and propose meaningful solutions, which goes beyond a single study.
5. **Transparency and Accountability:** Commitment to a transparent research process, dissemination of findings and accountability to track implementation of data-driven and community-generated policy recommendations.

WE, THE STEERING COMMITTEE, AGREE ON THE FOLLOWING GOALS OF THIS RESEARCH PROJECT:

- Establish baseline knowledge about communities of color and identify racial disparities in Washington County.
- Establish and promote a shared understanding of racial equity in Washington County.
- Improve public investment in communities of color in Washington County.
- Improve delivery of services to communities of color in Washington County.
- Review and improve acquisition and allocation of public and private resources to communities of color in Washington County.
- Advocate for review and improvement of existing policies and practices with implications for racial equity in Washington County.
- Build and improve opportunities for civic engagement between jurisdictions and communities of color in Washington County.
- Balance the power dynamic in the County by ensuring communities of color are involved in decision-making in Washington County.
- Build relationships and collaborations between jurisdictions, communities of color and community organizations in Washington County.

WE, THE STEERING COMMITTEE, AGREE ON THE FOLLOWING STRUCTURE OF THIS REPORT

- I. County level of data-driven storytelling: state of racial equity in Washington County
- II. Community level of data-driven storytelling: community histories, community priorities, community strengths.
- III. Jurisdictional level of data-driven storytelling: (1) Beaverton (2) Hillsboro (3) Tigard and Tualatin, (4) Cornelius and Forest Grove.





Coalition of
Communities of
Color

COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH ABOUT COMMUNITIES OF COLOR IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| Adelante Mujeres | IRCO- Africa House |
| Beaverton School District | IRCO-Asian Family Center |
| Centro Cultural | Korean American Coalition of Oregon |
| City of Beaverton | Latino Network |
| City of Cornelius | Milagro |
| City of Forest Grove | Muslim Educational Trust |
| City of Hillsboro | Tigard-Tualatin School District |
| City of Tigard | Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation |
| City of Tualatin | Unite Oregon |
| Community Partners for Affordable Housing | Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center |
| Hillsboro School District | Vision Action Network |
| Iraqi Society of Oregon | Washington County |

For more information or questions about this project, please contact:

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